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SUBJ: FORMER FOOD COMMISSIONER CLEARED OF WRONGDOING IN THAI
RICE ORDER

REF: (A) COLOMBO 0952; (B) COLOMBO 1036 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CO-OPERATIVES HAS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE
STATING THAT INVESTIGATION OF FEBRUARY PURCHASE OF 60,000 TONS
OF RICE FROM THAILAND (REFTEL A) HAS DETERMINED NO DISHONESTY
OR IRREGULARITY. RICE WAS PURCHASED ON EMERGENCY BASIS TO
SUPPLY INCREASE IN RICE RATION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4 (REFTEL
B). WHILE ADMITTING POSSIBILITY THAT LOWER PRICES MIGHT HAVE
BEEN OBTAINED BY NEGOTIATION WITH VARIOUS BIDDERS, MINISTRY
COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT ALTERNATE PRICES AND TERMS WERE "UNCLEAR"
AND URGENCY DID NOT MAKE IT "WORTHWHILE PURSUING" OTHER OFFERS.
REGARDING SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF FORMER FOOD COMMISSIONER M.B.
SENANAYAKE, COMMUNIQUE SAID FOOD MINISTER HAD PERSONALLY SATIS-
FIED HIMSELF THAT SENANAYAKE HAD DONE NOTHING WRONG AND
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SANCTIONED HIS LEAVING COUNTRY.

2. IN PUBLISHING MINISTRY'S STATEMENT ON MARCH 21, DAILY
MIRROR RAN PARALLEL ARTICLE QUESTIONING COMMUNIQUE AND RAISING
FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT RICE ORDER FROM THAILAND AND OTHER
PURCHASES BY FOOD DEPARTMENT.
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